

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 March 17 2015 to 0600 March 18 2015



Kirkwood Valley, Alpine County, March 14, 2015

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

- **(CNN) White House is mailed package with cyanide** – The White House received an envelope this week containing a substance that testing revealed to be cyanide, the Secret Service confirmed Tuesday. "On Monday 3/16/15, an envelope was received at the White House Mail Screening Facility. Initial Biological testing was negative; however, on 03/17/15, the chemical testing returned a presumptive positive for cyanide," said Secret Service spokesman Brian Leary in a statement. "The sample was transported to another facility to confirm the results." Leary said because there is an "ongoing investigation, the Secret Service will have no additional comment." There were no injuries or exposure concerns for the person at the mail sorting facility who opened the letter, said a law enforcement official.
- **(CNN) United flight turns back after passenger tackles man headed for cockpit** – Two quick-thinking passengers in the third row of a United flight to Denver tackled and subdued a man who was heading toward the cockpit, other travelers on the plane told CNN on Tuesday. The incident started shortly after United Flight 1074 took off around 10:15 p.m. Monday from Dulles International Airport in suburban Washington. The Boeing 737 jet was supposed to take its 33 passengers and six crew members to Denver, but turned back because the unnamed passenger "failed to comply with crew instructions," United Airlines spokesman Luke Punzenberger said. Joshua Lindstrom told "Anderson Cooper 360°" Tuesday night that a man was acting strangely as he moved up the aisle. "The flight attendant gave some sort of command to stand back, and he turned and started heading toward the cockpit. And the guy in 3E was a lightning bolt and just jumped out of his seat and took the guy down to the ground." The hero's seatmate piled on and grabbed the out-of-control passenger's legs, Lindstrom said. Passenger Donna Tellam told CNN's "Erin Burnett Out Front" the men reacted so quickly she thought they were air marshals. She said the unruly man had come down the aisle, screaming about the plane going too slow and flailing his arms. A flight attendant used plastic ties to bind the man's wrists as the plane headed back, she said. Earlier, a government official with direct knowledge of the incident told CNN that the detained passenger had run toward the cockpit screaming "jihad, jihad."



SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

- **(BBC) March 18, 2015 ‘Shots fired’ at Tunisian parliament** – Shots have been fired around the Tunisian parliament and there are reports of casualties, state media says. Privately owned Mosaïque FM reported that there had been shots inside the parliament building. It also reported that several people had been taken hostage inside the Bardo Museum, which is next to the parliament building. The reports could not immediately be verified.
- **(BBC) Emergency aid is beginning to reach some of the worst-hit islands of Vanuatu** – Officials say planes have taken food, water and medical supplies to Tanna island, which was directly in the path of Cyclone Pam. But aid agencies warn much more aid will be needed in the weeks to come. Flights over some islands showed villagers had marked out the letter H for help, one man said. Assessor for the United Nations Joe Lowry told the BBC that people were still in desperate need of shelter and water. "We know what the needs are now on six of the islands and we have a fair idea of what the needs are going to be everywhere else and those needs are definitively shelter and more shelter," he said speaking from Tanna. "Where I was today they are pretty much out of fresh drinking water. Food is in very short supply and lots of the food stocks that were there have been damaged. The food that was growing above ground was all swept away." Aid workers reached Tanna for the first time on Tuesday and reported more than 80% of homes or buildings had been partially or completely destroyed. The southern islands of Tanna and Erromango are thought to have been hardest hit when Cyclone Pam barreled in on Saturday, packing winds of up to 300km/h (185mph). But the capital, Port Vila, was also badly hit and the situation in some more remote places remains unknown. The lack of landing strips and deep water ports is hampering efforts reach distant islands in the sprawling archipelago, making it harder to assess damage and distribute supplies. Communications have also been badly hit.

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MIGU-5 Training

- MIGU-5 (Fresno County) will be at the Area 8 shop 03/18 – 03/19/15 for the PSC technicians to use for OASIS training. The MIGU will return to service on Friday.

Weather of Concern

- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

High pressure aloft will lead to dry weather and above normal interior temperatures through early Friday. A brief period of light to moderate rainfall is expected Friday evening and overnight as a weak storm crosses the region.

Medford Weather:

High pressure aloft and at the surface will move into the area Wednesday and Thursday. This will result in sunny, dry weather. By Friday, the ridge will push into the Great Basin allowing an offshore trough to approach the northwest coast and bringing a slight chance of precipitation on Saturday. High pressure will build back in Saturday through Sunday with a brief trend of drying and warmer temperatures. A cold front will bring more showers to the area Monday into Tuesday.

Reno Weather:

A few afternoon showers and thunderstorms are forecast today over the sierra from about Tahoe southward. Dry air will then overspread the region Thursday and Friday along with warming temperatures. Breezy winds Friday afternoon and evening will be accompanied by a chance of light rain over northeast California. A colder pacific storm may bring light precipitation and gusty winds Monday and Tuesday.

San Francisco Weather:

High pressure today with seasonable temperatures. The ridge will strengthen on Thursday with a minor warming trend across the region. On Friday winds will turn onshore ahead of the next front with temperatures cooling back to normal. A slight chance of light rain in the north bay Friday night as the cold front moves into far northern California. High pressure quickly rebuilds Saturday through Sunday with dry and mild weather over the weekend. Another front approaches Monday into Tuesday with a slight chance of light rain for the North Bay.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

A slight chance of showers over the northern Sierra south of Tahoe today with another chance of light showers north of Sacramento on Friday night and early Saturday. Well above normal temperatures today and Thursday with cooler temperatures over the weekend but still above normal. A chance of rain most NORCAL areas early next week.

Hanford Weather:

A slight cooling trend continues with increased clouds, however, temperatures will remain above normal. An upper trough will provide scattered showers mainly over the mountains and desert today with possible thunderstorms during the afternoon and evening. Another trough will bring a slight chance of showers towards Yosemite Saturday.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A low pressure system will bring the chance of showers and isolated thunderstorms today from Santa Barbara County southward. For tonight and Thursday, the shower threat will linger across far eastern Los Angeles County. For the weekend, a flat ridge of high pressure will move into the area, and temperatures will remain a few degrees above seasonal norms through early next week.

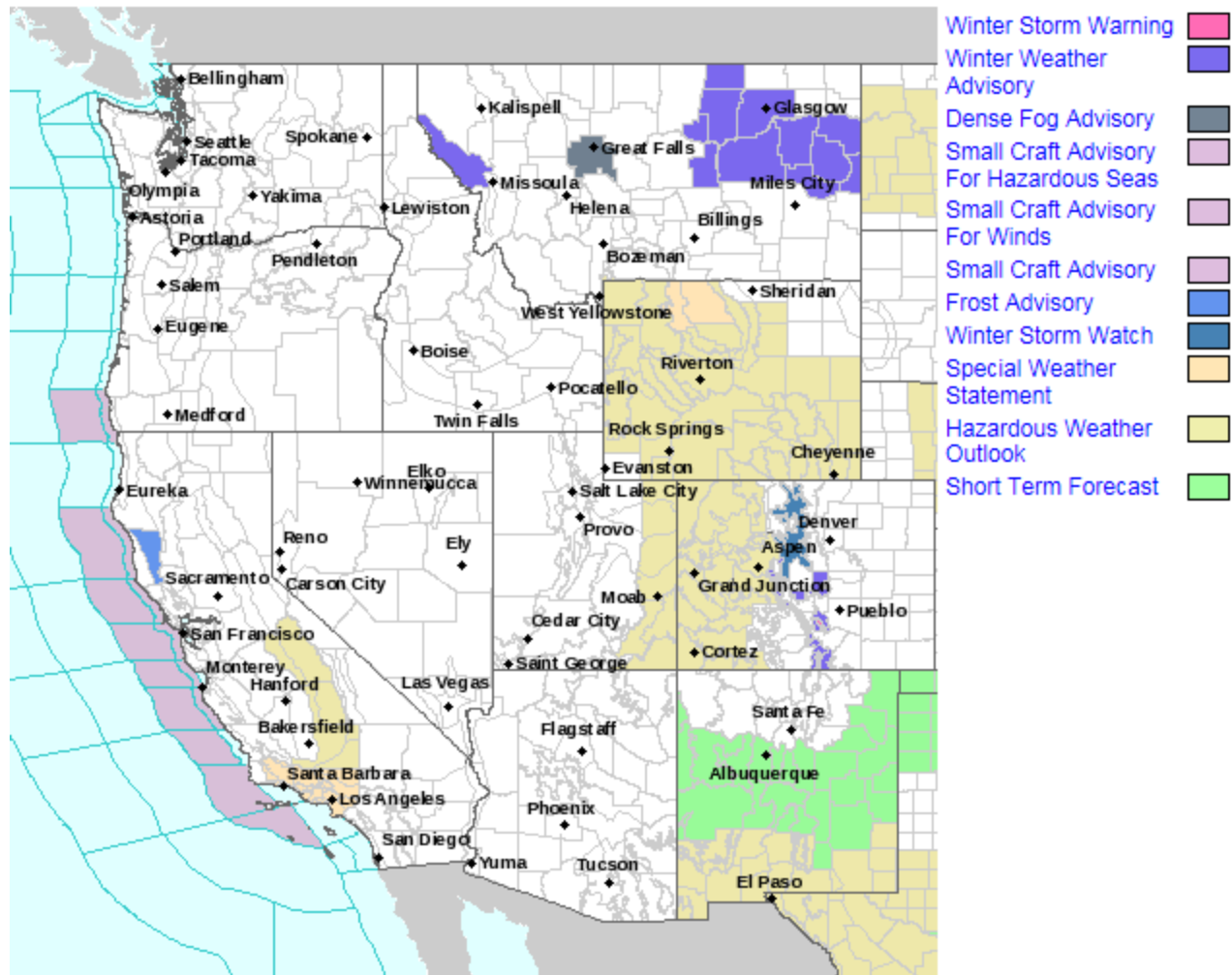
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A trough of low pressure will slowly move across the region today through Thursday. This trough will bring cooler weather and a chance for showers and a few thunderstorms. The best chance for precipitation will be in the mountains. Fair and a little warmer Friday through Sunday with weak high pressure over the southwestern U.S.

Southeast California Weather:

An area of low pressure will pass by to the south of the area today into Thursday resulting in the possibility of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms especially over the Mojave desert. Drier and sunnier conditions are expected in the wake of this low on Friday. A weak system will graze the southern Great Basin with some clouds on Saturday. Otherwise dry and warm conditions are expected this weekend into early next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



Cal OES
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- On 3/11/15, the U.S. Small Business Administration approved a disaster declaration for the primary county of Mono and contiguous counties of Alpine, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, and Tuolumne. IA staff distributed notification letters.
- Recovery Debris Management Coordinator deployed to Mono County for debris management group meeting and site walk-through.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a monthly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Cal OES Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls continue to occur once a month.
- Cal OES Region/Recovery Call frequencies will change on and as needed basis.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Cal OES Missions - NEW

- **2015-LAW-9004**, 3/18/15 at 0134 hours – San Benito County Sheriff's Office is requesting ground pounders, quads and area dogs to assist in a search for a 23 year old male missing since 1600 hours in the Hollister Hills Recreation Area. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.
- **2015-LAW-8998**, 3/18/15 at 0100 hours - Sonoma County Sheriff's Office is requesting immediate deployment of 2 trailing dogs. They have a missing 12 year old autistic boy. He is high functioning. He has been missing from his home since 1930 hours yesterday. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.